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**“NOTICE OF OVERCHARGE CONVICTION” SIGNS
TO BE POSTED AT ENTRANCES OF
STORES CONVICTED OF OVERCHARGES**

ALSO: LISTING OF LATEST COMPLETED SCANNER OVERCHARGE CASES

Cato R. Fiksdal, Sealer of Weights and Measures announced that the first Notice of Overcharge Conviction signs were posted at the entrances of a retail store in Pico Rivera at the end of May. The 8 ½" x 11" notices were posted after the store was convicted of overcharging an undercover Scanner inspector. The inspector had been checking the accuracy of the store's scanners, as part of the County *Buyer Beware Program*.

“These signs are posted to let consumers know that they are entering a store which had a problem with price accuracy,” Mr. Fiksdal stated. “Alerting consumers in this manner will encourage stores to ensure that their price signs match the prices in their scanner computers,” he continued.

The *Buyer Beware Program* became effective, through county ordinance, on April 25, 2002. The ordinance provided that the signs would only be posted upon the second conviction during the first year from its enactment. That one-year period is over. Now, stores convicted of charging customers prices higher than the posted price will have to post conviction notices for 60 days. Conversely, those that have inspections where no overcharges are found are provided a “Notice of No Overcharges Found” that may be posted for 60 days. “Our inspectors continue to find substantial overcharge problems, so L. A. County residents can expect to start seeing these signs,” said Mr. Fiksdal.

Listed below are cases recently completed.

1. **Aaron Brothers, Inc. #88, 17450 Colima Rd, Rowland Heights**

Date of offense: 6/4/02

Charges: 1 count of scanner overcharge (\$1.40)

Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere

Fines and fees: \$932.72

2. **Albertson's, Inc, #6580, 17120 Colima Rd, Hacienda Heights**

Date of offense: 6/4/02

Charges: 1 count of scanner overcharge (\$6.30)

Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere

Fines and fees: \$727.12

3. **Albertson's Inc., #6125, 13003 E. Whittier Blvd., Whittier**

Date of offense: 7/31/2002

Charges: 4 counts of scanner overcharge (\$5.36)

Convictions: 2 counts, nolo contendere

Fines and fees: \$2642.72

4. **Albertson's Inc., #6121, 5750 Mesmer Ave., Culver City**

Date of offense: 11/27/02

Charges: 1 count of scanner overcharge (\$0.80)

Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere

Fines and fees: \$100.

5. **Barnes & Noble, Inc. 17490 Colima Rd., Rowland Heights**

Date of offense: 6/24/2002

Charges: 1 count of scanner overcharge (\$10.02)

Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere

Fines and fees: \$1337.12

6. **Big 5 Sporting Goods, 9426 Whittier Blvd., Pico Rivera**

Date of offense: 7/29/2002

Charges: 1 count of scanner overcharge (\$5.00)

Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere

Fines and fees: \$1425.00

7. **Cali Fashion 2700 Colorado Blvd., Los Angeles**

Date of offense: 10/29/02

Charges: 1 count of scanner overcharge (\$1.10)

Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere

Fines and fees: \$100.00

8. **Chia Plus #1, 9406 E. Washington Blvd., Pico Rivera**
Date of offense: 08/06/02
Charges: 2 counts of scanner overcharge (\$1.62)
Convictions: 2 counts, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$200.00
9. **Costco #410, 12324 Hoxie Ave., Norwalk**
Date of offense: 09/11/02
Charges: 1 count of scanner overcharge (\$0.97)
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$100.00
10. **Cost Plus, Inc. (Cost Plus World Market) 17545 Colima Rd., Rowland Heights**
Date of offense: 7/16/2002
Charges: 3 counts of scanner overcharge (\$6.80)
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$1337.12
11. **CSK Inc. (Kragen Auto Parts #1671), 723 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia**
Date of offense: 5/8/2002
Charges: 3 counts of scanner overcharge (\$2.23)
Convictions: 2 counts, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$1377.21
12. **Gap Inc. (Old Navy) #6482, 8512 Painter Ave., Whittier**
Date of offense: 2/19/02
Charges: 1 count of scanner overcharge (\$6.75)
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and Fees: \$3342.21
13. **Home Depot U.S.A., Inc. #6663, 3200 Puente Ave., Baldwin Park**
Date of offense: 7/03/2002
Charges: 1 count of scanner overcharge (\$3.57)
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$1391.50
14. **Home Depot U.S.A., Inc. #605, 1348 N. Azusa Ave., Covina**
Date of offense: 7/18/2002
Charges: 1 count of scanner overcharge (\$1.59)
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$1391.50

15. **Jons Market #9, 1717 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale**
Date of offense: 11/12/02
Charges: 1 count of scanner overcharge (\$1.00)
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$100.00
16. **Mervyn's, 15602 Whittwood Ave., Whittier**
Date of offense: 12/20/01
Charges: 1 count of scanner overcharge (\$2.00)
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$1371.15
17. **Officemax, Inc. #1230, 10603 Carmenita Rd., Santa Fe Springs**
Date of offense: 8/06/2002
Charges: 1 count of scanner overcharge (\$3.49)
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$ 1282.12
18. **Pep Boys #792 11456 Washington Blvd., Santa Fe Springs**
Date of offense: 7/10/2002
Charges: 2 counts of scanner overcharge (\$1.11)
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$785.51
19. **Sav-On Drugs #9769, 9170 Whittier Blvd., Pico Rivera**
Date of offense: 7/31/2002
Charges: 2 counts of scanner overcharge (\$4.66)
Convictions: 2 counts, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$1352.21
20. **Sav-On Drugs #9771, 9256 Slauson Ave., Pico Rivera**
Date of offense: 8/6/2002
Charges: 1 count of scanner overcharge (\$3.99)
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$1325.51
21. **Sav-On Drugs #9735, 15731 Whittwood Lane, Whittier**
Date of offense: 8/6/2002
Charges: 1 count of scanner overcharge (\$6.00)
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$1272.12

22. **Sears, Roebuck, and Co. #1309, 500 Stonewood St., Downey**
Date of offense: 1/02/02
Charges: 1 count of scanner overcharge (\$5.99)
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$1864.80
23. **Tandy Corp (Radio Shack) #3610, 340 W. Huntington Dr., Monrovia**
Date of offense: 5/16/02
Charges: 1 count of scanner overcharge (\$5.00)
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$1345.82
24. **Thrifty Payless Inc (Rite Aid) #6333, 15804 Imperial Hwy, La Mirada**
Date of offense: 8/3/2000
Charges: 1 count of scanner overcharge (\$2.71)
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$883.80
25. **Tower Records, Inc. #141, 22135 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance**
Date of offense: 6/4/2002
Charges: 6 counts of scanner overcharge (\$24.88)
Convictions: 2 counts, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$1966.51
26. **Wherehouse Entertainment, Inc. #8248, 17432 Colima Rd., Rowland Heights**
Date of offense: 5/8/02
Charges: 2 counts of scanner overcharge (\$7.48)
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$727.12
27. **Winston Tire Company # 289, 877 S. Azusa Ave., Azusa**
Date of offense: 5/23/02
Charges: 1 count of scanner overcharge (\$33.60)
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$1363.83